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***Requirement of Information***

Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

This requirement for information is necessary to determine how the claimed invention differs from the "basic technique of this invention" in the prior art.

Page 15 lines 12-19 of the instant application states "Various techniques have been known as systems for checking appropriateness of a privacy policy according to the present invention. Such techniques are also applicable to the present invention. More specifically, "IBM Corporation, IBM Tivoli Privacy Manager for e-business Planning Guide Version 1.1, July 2002" can be mentioned as a basic technique of this invention and can be incorporated in this invention as reference."

The examiner has located the referenced document and due to its large size requests that the applicant point out which pages of the document best shows the basic technique of the invention in the instant application.

In response to this requirement, please state the specific improvements of the subject matter in claims 1-21 over the disclosed prior art and indicate the specific elements in the claimed subject matter that provide those improvements. For those claims expressed as means or steps plus function, please provide the specific page and line numbers within the disclosure which describe the claimed structure and acts.

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This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cory C. Bell whose telephone number is (571) 272 2736. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571) 272 4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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